35th Annual Report

OF THE

Young Men's Christian Association

of Montreal.

1885-86.

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Work for Young Men

as carried on

BY THE

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35TH ANNUAL REPORT

Year ending May 1, 1886.

MONTREAL:
"WITNESS" PRINTING HOUSE, 321 ST. JAMES STREET.
1886.

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY.

ROOMS OPEN—Week days—Summer months, 7 A.M. until 10 P.M.; Winter months, 8 A.M. to 10 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP.—Annual Fee, $2 for those over 21 years of age; $1 for those under 21 years of age. (See Constitution at the end of Report). New members received by the Secretaries at any time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS meet the second Monday evening of each month.

MEMBERS' MONTHLY MEETING, third Thursday of each month, except July and August.

ANNUAL MEETING for Reception of Reports, Election of Directors, in May (date fixed by Board.)

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.—Third week in January.

LIBRARY OPEN for the delivery of books, every day from 8 A.M. until 9.30 P.M.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.—Open every morning at Assistant Secretary's Desk, from 9.30 to 11.30.

EVENING CLASSES for instruction, meet from October to April. Particulars can be had at the Building.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.—Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock.

BIBLE CLASSES.—Sunday morning at 9.30; Sunday afternoon at 3; Tuesday evening at 8.

BOYS' MEETING.—Friday evening at 7.45.

MEN'S MEETING.—Sunday evening at 8.30.

Receptions, Medical Talks and Lectures, as announced in the Association "Record."

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR 1886-87.

President.

R. HENRY HOLLAND.

Vice-President.

ABNER KINGMAN.

Treasurer.

L. H. PACKARD.

Secretary.

D. A. BUDGE.

Assist.-Secretary.

WM. H. STEVENS.

Board of Directors.

Term expires 1887.

ABNER KINGMAN,
JOHN KENNEDY,
GEORGE LAMB,
WILLIAM TEES,
ROBERT HENDERSON,
CHARLES CUSHING,
R. H. BUCHANAN.

Term expires 1888.

DR. F. W. KELLEY,
WARDEN KING,
W. GODBEE BROWN,
L. H. PACKARD,
R. HENRY HOLLAND,
HAROLD W. BUCHANAN,
SETH P. LEET.

Term expires 1889.

GEORGE HAGUE,
D. BENTLEY,
R. C. SMITH,
D. W. ROSS,
WALTER PAUL,
GEORGE VIPOND,
A. R. WIGHTMAN.

Advisory Directors.

J. MURRAY SMITH,
DR. J. R. ALEXANDER,
H. L. PUTNAM,
JOHN MURPHY,
DAVID WATSON.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

EXECUTIVE.

D. BENTLEY, *Chairman.*

R. HENRY HOLLAND, ABNER KINGMAN,
SETH P. LEET, ROBERT HENDERSON.

FINANCE.

WARDEN KING, *Chairman.*

L. H. PACKARD, WALTER PAUL,
D. W. ROSS, ~~ABNER KINGMAN~~,
WM. TEES, ~~JOHN MURPHY~~,
W. GODBEE BROWN, ~~D. BENTLEY~~,
DAVID YUILE, ~~DR. J. R. ALEXANDER~~,

ARTHUR G. OLIVE. R H Holland

ROOM AND LIBRARY. R Henderson

SETH P. LEET, *Chairman.*

DR. KELLEY, G. W. PARMALEE,
DR. J. A. BAZIN, R. G. HOOD,
W. T. CASTLE. J. S BUCHAN.

GEO. E. JAQUES.

LECTURES AND CLASSES.

D. W. ROSS, *Chairman.*

CHARLES CUSHING, HENRY BRAGG,
R. C. SMITH, J. T. MCCALL,
GEORGE VIPOND, A. W. CROMBIE.
R. A. DUNTON. H. L. PUTNAM.

BRANCH.

DR. F. W. KELLEY, *Chairman.*

GEORGE HAGUE,
DAVID MORRICE,
WARDEN KING,
R. H. BUCHANAN,
J. MURRAY SMITH,
DAVID WATSON,
R. C. SMITH,
D. W. ROSS.

VACANCIES.

WALTER PAUL, *Chairman.*

JOHN MURPHY,
ROBERT HENDERSON,
HAROLD W. BUCHANAN.

VISITING THE ROOMS.

September.—Seth P. Leet, R. H. Buchanan.
October.—Dr. F. W. Kelley, John Murphy.
November.—Warden King, L. H. Packard.
December.—Robert Henderson, D. Bentley.
January.—Harold W. Buchanan, Wm. Tees.
February.—Abner Kingman, John Kennedy.
March.—D. W. Ross, R. C. Smith.
April.—Walter Paul, Geo. Vipond.
May.—H. L. Putnam, A. R. Wightman.
June.—Geo. Hague, Chas. Cushing.
July.—Geo. Lamb, W. Godbee Brown.

COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR 1886-87.

Social Religious Meetings.

ABNER KINGMAN, *Chairman.*

Sub-Committees:

Beginners' Bible Class.

JAMES WILSON, *Chairman.* A. MURRAY, *Secretary.*

C. C. Holland, Percy Judge, Lewis Rough,
Robert King, John Ross, Chas. Routh,
Stewart Muirhead, J. E. Ryder, H. K. Wright,
Arthur Bignell, *Pianist.*

Sunday Afternoon Bible Class.

T. DUNCAN PATTON, *Chairman.* WM. JENNENS, *Secretary.*

Harry Cable, D. J. Evans, R. W. Houston,
H. B. Cowper, Alf. Walford, Jr., Henry Engelke,
W. Jennens, J. S. Hetherington, Alex. Thomson,
J. H. Sargeant, W. H. F. Sharswood.

Tuesday Evening Bible Class.

WM. SLOAN, *Chairman.*

Dunbar Browne, Jas. Hutson, Geo. W. Jones,
C. F. Berry, Edward Prince, A. W. Hood.
R. J. Gibson, Christie McFarlane.

Training Class.

R. Henry Holland, James Wilson, H. A. Moulton,
W. Jennens.

Young Men's Meeting.

J. S. HETHERINGTON, *Chairman.*

Hugh King, A. O. Dawson, Chas. H. Anderson,
H. B. Ames, John M. Robertson, Chas. H. Routh,
Alf. E. Rosevear, Wm. M. Birks, James H. McConnell,
Fred Myers, H. E. Nottingham.

Mission Committee.

R. H. BUCHANAN, *Chairman.*

R. Henderson, A. R. Wightman, S. H. Carpenter,
Jno. Dumaresq, Harold W. Buchanan, R. W. Gass,
Stewart Muirhead, Robert Barrett, Geo. Lamb.
James Muir, Thos. B. Brown,

Membership Committee.

W. GODBEE BROWN, *Chairman.* ALEC. THOMSON, *Secretary.*

Thos. W. Burdon, Wm. Drysdale, J. B. Picken,
F. M. Cole, J. R. Lowden, Wm. H. Chapman,
Thos. E. McMann.

Reception Committee.

G. S. RORKE, *Chairman.* ALEX. ARTHUR, *Secretary.*

Lewis Rough, Percy E. Judge, A. O. Dawson,
James Rea, Stewart Muirhead, J. R. Tirrell,
E. Prince, C. F. Berry, H. E. Nottingham,
G. W. Jones, Fred Baker, A. M. Nairn,
James Wilson, Harry Bloor, H. B. Rorke.

Invitation Committee.

A. D. LANSKAIL, *Chairman.* T. D. PATTON, *Secretary.*

G. S. Rorke, Chas. Chappell, J. Thompson Smith,
C. F. Berry, Jno. Ohling, Edmund Ryder,
James Rea, Harry Griffith, Mackenzie Spence,
Wm. Sloan, J. L. Forrester, J. W. Lamontaine,
S. Muirhead, J. C. Verity, J. J. Lomax.
James Sutherland, James Thomas, A. W. Brooke.

Boys' Work.

H. W. BUCHANAN, *Chairman.* ROBT. ROSS, *Secretary.*

Wm. Craig, Robt. Phelps, David West,
Fred Fry, Chas. Anderson, Geo. C. Wells,
Ernest Judge, Chas. D. Bentley, Arthur B. Ross,
Alf. Walford, Jr.

Boarding House Committee.

A. N. Webster, *Chairman.*

Alex. Arthur, D. F. Johnston, H. T. Kalem,
H. E. Nottingham.

Social Work Committee.

A. G. Olive, *Chairman.*

C. C. Holland, W. H. Chapman, Wm. Henry,
Wm. T. Castle, Septimus Fraser, Geo. Smart,
W. S. Leslie.

Visitation of Sick.

Wm. Dagg, *Chairman.*

Thos. B. Brown, Geo. Lamb, Fred. Myers,
Geo. H. Harrower, J. S. Hetherington, Geo. S. Rorke.

Literary Committee.

R. C. Smith, *Chairman.*

W. H. Alford, G. M. P. Bogan, H. L. Putnam,
H. B. Ames, Wm. C. Palmer, H. A. Moulton,
W. A. Hood, Geo. Parmalee.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The past year has marked a new era in the history of this Association. The adoption of a revised Constitution and By-Laws, which places the Annual Meeting in May instead of November, materially changed the details and internal character of the work. The experience of the past year clearly demonstrates the wisdom of that act. While all that was desired has not as yet been accomplished, a remarkable advance has been made in the development and activity of the Committees in their respective departments. As a result Chairmen have given greater study and thought to their particular work, and to the direction of members of their Committees. This point, if attained, must ultimately ensure the greatest possible success.

During the year we have made every effort to concentrate on behalf of definite work for young men, as follows: First, giving more attention to our membership, reviewing the roll, and considering men individually, and how we might best serve them through the Association. Second, the development of our active members on Committee work. Third, counselling with the strangers and the unemployed. Although this is a task of some magnitude, we are patiently working upon these lines, having discovered the mistake of the past in largely neglecting the first two points, to the pressing claims of the third. The "Good Boys" growing up in our city homes is a class we wish to reach, and draw into the activities of personal Christian work.

Instead of meeting the fourfold needs of young men, viz.: the spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical, which, according to our Constitution we agree to do, we have only been able, with any degree of efficiency, to supply two of these : the spiritual and intellectual.

Not having any gymnasium, this department has been closed to us, and with the exception of a Snow-shoe and Rambling Club, which as yet is in its infancy, we have done nothing to meet the physical needs of young men under the healthful surroundings of Christian life and effort.

Not having a members' parlor suitably furnished with all home comforts and recreations, this wide door of usefulness in social life and work has been practically closed to us and to the hundreds of young men in the city, who might be helped and saved thereby. In the absence of these necessary appointments we have made the best possible use of our members' homes, which have been so freely granted. We have also endeavored to give a strong social character to our Committee work, by frequent teas, etc. Nothing, however, can take the place of suitably equipped Social Rooms, where young men can meet for social recreation under the influence and restraints of christian fellowship.

Let us see that these wants are speedily supplied.

The educational work held about the same number of students as the previous year, two hundred and twenty-two young men entering the six evening classes. Courses of lectures were not attempted, the smallpox epidemic, and the consequent excitement in the city, prevented the Committee from arranging for extra meetings. The Library and Reading Room, as will be seen from its report, continues to do an excellent educational work, and is far-reaching in its influence upon the character of our young

men and youths. To make this educational work of greater value, we require two additional class rooms—a monthly lecture course, and a series of practical medical talks to young men. We also hope to see a Literary Society organized next autumn.

All the departments of the Association (of which there have been twenty-one Committees in active work), are but means employed to the end that young men might be brought under the direct spiritual influences, which are constantly exerted through the personal work of the officials from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, as well as through the religious services. If we fail to bring young men from under the bondage of sin into the liberty of Christian life and activity, we have wholly missed the purpose of a Young Men's Christian Association. But our reports show that through God's loving kindness and mercy this has been accomplished in the lives of many young men, the number of whom it is impossible to estimate.

The study of the word of God has never been so well developed in the history of the Association. In the four classes we have had an average attendance of one hundred and sixty-seven young men engaged in the study of the Scriptures each week. The value of the Workers' Training Class is incalculable, and most encouraging results are apparent in direct personal Christian work on the part of its members. Two such classes should be arranged for next Fall—an elementary and advanced. Although not attended by any popular excitement, this attention to Bible study must produce healthy, robust Christians, such as the Church and the world most need. We gladly testify to the service rendered in this connection by the Rev. Prof. Fenwick, who has given the most careful thought and preparation

for the class on Tuesday evenings. We only regret that a greater number of our members have not availed themselves of this opportunity. The practical character and spiritual application of the lessons must have borne fruit in many lives.

It will be impossible to gather, even from the reports as read, the real spiritual results which have followed the past year's work. We continue to expect God "to give the increase," as He has promised, and depend with glad faith upon—Psalms cxxvi, 6: "He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

We have been called to mourn the loss of five of our members, some of whom were suddenly called from amidst life's duties. May this great fact cause us so to live our daily lives as to be prepared to give an account of our stewardship at any moment:

WILLIAM GARDNER,
JOHN L. CARSON,
NATHANIEL NIELD,
JOHN L. PALMER,
CLARENCE G. HYDE.

The mission work has been weaker than in former years. Proposed meetings in the East End and at Point St. Charles were abandoned on account of the epidemic, but, we trust the Board will give greater attention to this department, not only for the experience to be gained by our younger workers, but for the sake of those who cannot, and do not, reach the meetings in the building.

The visit of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, and Mr. J. E. K. Studd, was the special feature of the year. While not directly through the invitation of the Association, but rather of a special committee of pastors and laymen, yet the management was largely carried out through the Association and its members, and we acknowledge with deep gratitude to God the permanent blessing which is apparent in the lives of many young men in the city.

The College Association have held their meetings in our Rooms, and we gladly notice the widening influence of this work. They expect to have Rooms of their own on the college grounds at an early date. We wish them God-speed.

Three times during the past winter the building has been closed, and the work suspended, on account of the floods. This question should receive the immediate consideration of the Board.

This Association has in the past rendered assistance to the general work. This is apparent from the honor roll of those who have graduated to the position of General Secretary :

JAMES A GAULD, - -	BANGOR, ME.
WILLIAM J. ORR, - - -	ST. THOMAS, ONT.
FRANK LONSDALE, - -	HAMILTON.
GEORGE E. WILLIAMS, -	PETERBORO'.
GUS. A. KUHRING, - -	OTTAWA.
R. C. BREWER, - - -	OWEN SOUND.
FRANK M. PRATT, - -	ARMORY HILL, SPRINGFIELD.
CHAS. T. WILLIAMS, - -	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

The last departure was our Brother Mr. Charles E. Williams, who is Secretary at San Antonio with Mr. W. J. B. Patterson, our former member, as President. The demand for suitable men is constantly increasing, and we shall be glad to increase the roll this year by at least two

names of the most talented and consecrated young business men in our membership. The opportunities for a useful life in this field, and the requirements of the office are such as to claim the strongest lives. Mr. H. E. Kendall, ex-President of the McGill College Association, has been induced to give two months of his vacation this summer to visitation of the Maritime Province Associations. An Association has been organized in Bedford, and visitation carried on at Stanbridge, Sherbrooke, and Ottawa with good results.

We have been profited by frequent visits from Mr. T. S. Cole, Travelling Secretary. He has counselled in our general work, and rendered valuable assistance in the meetings.

Two thousand copies of the *Association Record* have been printed and mailed each month to members and subscribers. By this means a knowledge of the details have been circulated, and it has been the means of creating a more intelligent appreciation, as well as a deeper sympathy with the work. We regret the *Record* has not been self-supporting by means of the advertisements. We recommend that it be placed in charge of a special committee.

One work, quietly and faithfully done from week to week, doubtless contributed largely to the success of our social and religious meetings. During the whole winter months lovely bouquets of flowers have never been absent at our Saturday evening and Sunday meetings, and the labor and thought which this has cost our friend and fellow-helper, Miss Fanny White, we can never estimate. We acccpt it, as offered, as a labor of love, and a contribution at His feet, and we know how large a blessing will surely return in such service. Other lady helpers in our

work have never been wanting, when asked, to contribute in any way to the interests and comfort of young men.

Our Cemetery Lot, so beautifully situated, is still without an enclosure. Three young men were buried there during the year.

The tide of westward emigration amongst young men is a continual drain upon our membership. In this way we lose many valuable workers, but the field is the world, and so we wish them God-speed as we commend them to other Associations.

After the nomination of the new Committees at the Board Meeting in June, we hope to co-operate with the Chairmen, during the summer months, in planning the work of the different Committees so as to begin in September with well matured programmes for each department. We expect each Committee-man to be faithful in the discharge of his duty. Faithful work leads to prayer, and these combined ensure success. We would have every worker believe that the influencing of young men towards Christian life and truth in the present state of society, is the most difficult task which the Church has in hand, but when accomplished leads to the highest results. We want every worker to believe that the personal study of the Word of God, together with private prayer, is the only possible way to grow in grace ; and to live out its truths in the daily, business, home, and social life, is one of the most effective ways of presenting the Gospel of Christ. We want men who believe that God has called and chosen them to bear witness for Him, and, if need be, to suffer for His sake, not turning away from the offence of the cross. We want men who have an ambition "to be rich towards God," and who will gladly set aside personal pleasure for the sake of souls.

This, with the floating indebtedness of $1,600 as above, will amount to over $3,000, to be raised in excess of the usual yearly revenue of the Association; it goes for the saying, therefore, that most strenuous efforts will be required to place the Association *out of debt* at the end of 1886-'87, but we have full confidence the work will not be allowed to suffer from lack of means, but that as in the past all "that is needful will be supplied."

As a practical suggestion as to how this $3,000 might be raised, it may be said that an analysis of our *subscription* list shows that last year we had:

About	10	Subscribers	of.....	$10 and over.
"	40	"	"	25 to $50.
"	100	"	"	10 " 25.
"	150	"	"	5.

So that if three-fourths of these friends, in view of the exigencies of this year, could double their last year's subscription the amount would be quite met.

New carpets will be required for the library and offices. This could readily be furnished by the membership at $2.00 volunteering a $5.00 subscription for this year.

The retiring Committee would recommend the carrying out of the intention of making a complete inventory of the assets of the Association, and the formation of a "Capital Account" therefrom, and the regulation of insurance thereby. An amount for depreciation should be written off yearly from furniture, etc.

Thanks are due to Mr. Geo. Hyde, accountant, for his kindness in auditing the accounts, and thus enabling the Financial Statement to be now presented, duly audited, and certified to as correct (*vide* auditor's certificate).

The whole respectfully submitted.

D. W. ROSS,
Acting Chairman Finance Com.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

To Subscriptions	$4,161 25	
" Membership Fees	845 60	
" Rent	1,348 00	
" Proceeds of one share Montreal Gas Company's Stock sold and Dividends	89 60	
" Library account: Received for Fines and Catalogues	24 45	
" Reading Room account: Magazines, etc., sold	43 93	
" Benevolent Fund: Collections and Donations	52 66	
" Educational Classes: Fees	417 00	
		$6,982 49
" Balance due to Merchants Bank		1,186 93
		$8,169 42

Audited and found correct, GEO. HYDE, *Accountant.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Association Debt, 1st May, 1885			$1,083 85
" Current Expenses:			
Salaries	$3,668 00		
Gas and Fuel	740 86		
Travelling Expenses	92 02		
Stationery	111 15		
Advertising	3 15		
Printing	138 45		
Postage	111 53		
Cleaning	64 25		
Internati'al Com. and Year Book	56 20		
Repairs and Alterations	188 81		
Gen. Exp. (including Telephone)	105 75		
		$5,280 17	
" Library account, paid for New Books		156 23	
" Religious Literature, Tracts, etc.		65 84	
" Reading Room acct., Mags. and Periodicals		151 04	
" *Record* account, Printing and Postages		119 90	
" Social and Reception Work		79 55	
" Furniture a/c, Safe, Type Writer and Renewals		276 70	
" Benevolent Fund, Disbursements	$55 01		
Loans outstanding	39 25		
		94 26	
" Educational Classes: Paid Teachers, etc.		464 40	
" Rates and Assessments		18 72	
" Insurance		251 95	
" Military Camp and North-West Expenses		79 92	
" New Charter account: Legal Fees		7 91	
" Interest on Bank, Overdraft, etc.		38 98	
			7,085 57
			$8,169 42
" Bal. due to Merchants Bank, bro't. forward,		$1,186 93	

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CURRENT EXPENSES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1886.

Anderson, Robt	$ 50
Ames, Holden & Co	25
Ayer & Co., A. A.	15
Aitken, Mrs	10
Alexander, Chas	10
Ault, Dr	5
Allan, A	5
Bellhouse, J. G	25
Bell, Saml	25
Belding, Paul, & Co	25
Brainerd, Thos. C.	25
Barrett, Dr. and Mrs., London, Eng.	25
Brown, W. Godbee	13
Brown, Jonathan	10
Bazin, Dr. J. A	10
Birks, Henry	10
Bedell, Glassford & Co	10
Buchanan, W. O	10
Bell, Simpson & Co	10
Budge, D. A	10
Bates, J. S.	10
Bell, J. & T	10
Buchanan, R. H	10
Bremner, A	5
Bulmer, S., jr., & Bro	5
Benny, R	5
Black & Locke	5
Baylis Manf'g. Co	5
Baillie, Andrew	5
Boulter, Geo	5
Baylis, J.	5
Birks, Arthur	5
Brayley, J. W	5
Blackwell. K. W	5
Botterell, E. H	5
Brown, T. S	5
Brown, T. B	5
Browne, Dr	5
Brown, Jas	5
Barrett, R. C	4
Becket, R. A	4
Butterfield & Spencer	3
Beckham, Hugh	3
Blackader, Dr	3
Buller, Dr	3
Brundage, Frank	2
Cantlie, Ewan & Co	$ 25
Cooper, Fairman & Co	25
Canada Paper Co	25
Clerk, Alton T	25
Campbell, Mrs. G. W	25
Crathern & Caverhill	25
Clerk, Alex	25
Carsley, S	20
Cushing, C	10
Crombie, A. M	10
Cochrane, Cassills & Co	10
Coristine, Jas., & Co	10
Carnegie. J. H	10
Crawford, Jno	10
Campbell, Kenneth	10
Craig, Alex	6
Castle & Son	5
Currie, W. & F. P	5
Cleghorn, J. P	5
Christmas, T. H	5
Creak, Geo	5
Childs, Geo	5
Cummings, A. C	5
Campbell, G. A.	5
Cheney, G	5
Court, Wm. B	5
Cameron, H	5
Connal, R. W. C	5
Cayford, J. H	5
Criddiford, J	5
Converse, Jno. A	5
Campbell, Dr. F. W	5
Caverhill, Hugh, & Co	5
Cole, Fred	5
Coulson & Co., R. B	5
Cassils, W.	4
Cowan, John	3
Cushing, Thos	2
Carson, J. L	2
Davis, C. W	40
Drysdale, W., & Co	25
Duff, J. M. M	10
Dun, Wiman & Co	10
Duncan, John, & Co	10
Darling, Wm. & Co	5
Date, John	5

Donahue, W.	$ 5
Drummond, McCall	5
Douglas & McNeice	5
Davis, M.	5
Dawson, W. Bell	5
Davidson, T. & Co.	5
Davis, B. T.	5
Douglas, Alex.	5
Dodds, P. D.	5
Drummond, G. A.	5
Dawson, T. J. & Co.	5
Ewing, S. H. & A. S	15
Esplin, J. & G	15
Evans, H. S	10
Evans, Edward	10
Eveleigh, J.	5
Erly, L. J.	5
Evans, Wm.	5
Elliot, James.	4
Evans, W. S.	2
Evans, J. S.	2
Friend	50
Friend (per L. H. P.)	30
Friend (per L. H. P.)	20
Forsyth, R.	10
Friend per (D. W. R.)	10
Friend	10
Force, Anthony	5
Fraser, Donald	5
Fox, T. M	5
Forman, John	5
Ford, Thos.	5
Fisk, H. J., & Co.	5
Friend (F. H. W.)	2
Friend	2
Forbes, Geo.	2
Friend	1
Fraser, A. B	1
Greene, Geo. A	100
Greenshields Sons & Co.	25
Gillespie, Moffat & Co.	25
Gault Bros.	20
Grier, G. A.	10
Goodyear Rubber Co	10
Gnaedinger, E. W.	10
Grigg, B. W	10
Grafton, F. E., & Sons	10
Gould, C. H	5
Gurney, E. C., & Co.	5
Grindley, R. R	5
Gault, Mrs. M. H.	5
Gardner, Dr	5
Gurd, Dr.	5
Glover, T.	5
Grafftey, W. K	4
Godfrey, Dr.	$ 3
Grose, Walter.	2
Gill, Jas	2
Griffin, James	1
Hague, Geo.	250
Hall, Miss	50
Holland, R. H., & Co.	25
Henderson, R.	25
Hodgson, Jonathan	20
Hughes & Stevenson.	10
Henderson Bros.	10
Heney & Lacroix	10
Hodgson Bros.	10
Heaton, E. Percival	10
Hutton, Jas	10
Hodgson, Thos. E.	5
Hyde, Geo.	5
Hilton, J. H	5
Holland, C. C	5
Henderson, Wm.	5
Hearle, J. G	5
Howard, Dr. R. P.	5
Hosmer, Chas. R	5
Hetherington, J. S.	5
Hickey, John M	5
Harte, J. A.	2.50
Hamilton, John	2
Holland, P	2
Haldimand & Son	1
Ives, H. R.	10
Irish, D. T.	10
Irving & Sutherland	10
Irwin, R.	5
Ivinson, J.	5
Irving, Geo.	4
Johnston, James & Co.	25
Jamieson, R. C., & Co.	25
Jaques, Geo. E., & Co.	25
Jamieson, Brodie	10
Joyce, A.	5
Johnston's Fluid Beef Co.	5
Jones, J. H., & Co.	5
Jennens, Thos. E., Birmingham	3
Jackson Bros. & Co	5
Kingman, Abner	150
Kirk, Lockerby & Co	10
Kyle, Cheesebrough & Co.	10
Kennedy, John	10
Kelley, Dr. F. W	10
King, William & Co.	5
Kuhring, G. A	5
Kinloch, W. G	5
Kemp, Geo	5
Kendall, H. E	5

Kinghorn, G. M. ..... $ 5
Kennedy, W. 5
Kenwood, W. 1

Lawrence, W. V. 25
Lyman Sons & Co. 10
Learmont, J. B 10
Lightbound, Ralston & Co 10
Lundie, George W. 10
Lamb, Geo. 10
Leeming, T., & Co 10
Larmonth & Sons. 10
Linton, James, & Co. 10
Lowden, J. R. 5
Leslie, A. C 5
Laing, M 5
Lanskail, A. D 5
Lavers, Wm 3.75
Liggett & Hamilton 2

Mackay Bros 25
Murphy, John 25
Moore, James 25
Molsons Bank 25
Morrice, D., Sons & Co 25
Mills & Hutchison 25
Murray, Miss 20
Morton, Henry 10
Mudge, H. J. 10
May, Thos. & Co 10
Maclean, J., & Co. 10
Murray, Alex 10
Morton, Chas., & Co 10
Miller, Robt., Son & Co. 10
Moss, G. W 10
Mackedie, J. W., & Co. 10
Montreal Rolling Mills. 5
Muir, James 5
Munderloh, W. C. 5
Morice, Capt. L 5
More, Alex. 5
Mooney, G. A 5
Munro, H 5
Macaulay, R. 5
Macpherson, Alex. 5
Miller & Bremner 5
Murphy, John 5
Major, Dr 5
Marling, Fred 5
Mooney, Frank 4
Mooney, R. S 3
Mooney, Geo. A. 3
Mudge, N. R. 3
Mattinson, James 2.50
Mitchell, Robt 2
Mills, Dr. T. W. 2
Mudge, E. W 2
McMaster, Captain 50

McLachlan Bros. ..... $ 30
McLennan, Hugh 25
McDougall, Logie & Co 20
McFarlane, Austin & Robertson ... 15
McLaren, J. C 10
McLelland, R. A. 10
McKeown, B. 10
McLaren, Leet & Smith 10
McMaster, Wm., jr 5
McBride, James. 5
McKeddie, J. H. 5
McKinmon, J. B 5
McIndoe & Vaughan 5
McGoun, Archd. 5
McArthur, Alex. 5
McLeod & Shotton 5
McCallum, Dr. 5
McPherson, Mr 2
McDonald, D. 2
McCallum, J. W 2

Nelson, H. A., & Sons. 25
Notman, W., & Son 10
Northey, D. R 5
Nicholson, P 5
Nicholson, G. C. 2
Nightingale, H. 1

Ogilvie, A. W., & Co 10

Paterson, Kissock & Co. 25
Porter & Savage. 20
Packard, L. H., & Co 15
Porteous, John 10
Paton, Hugh. 10
Palmer, J., & Son 10
Paul, Walter 10
Popham, John. 10
Peck, Benny & Co. 5
Payne, F. G 5
Peel, T. W. 5
Picken, H. B 5
Patterson, W. J 5
Prowse, G. R. 5
Patterson, John 5
Parsons, S. R. 5
Parker, Moses. 5
Patterson & Rolin 2
Print, A. 1

Ross, D. W. 50
Radford Bros 25
Rankin, Beattie & Co 25
Robin & Sadler 10
Reed, G. W. 10
Rattray, J., & Co 10
Richardson, James 10
Robertson & Linton. 10

Ransom, Forbes & Son	$ 10
Rea, David jr	10
Robertson, Mrs. Andrew	10
Redpath, F. R	5
Reford, Robt., & Co	5
Richards, Joseph	5
Rutherford, D.	5
Ramsay, R. E.	5
Ramsay, A. W	5
Ramsay, R. A	5
Robinson, J. Theo	5
Ross, Dr. Geo	5
Roddick, Dr	5
Routh, J. H	5
Ritchie, John	3
Rodgers, Dr	3
Riddell & Stevenson	2
Rose, J. C	2
Smith, Hon. D. A	100
Smithers, C. F	50
Savage, A., & Son	20
Slater, G. T	10
Shaw Bros. & Cassills	10
Smith, J. Murray	10
Shorey, H	5
Smith, G. F. C.	5
Stirling J	5
Smith, Alex	5
Stevenson, J. Alex	5
Skelton Bros	5
Shearer, John S., & Co	5
Simpson & Peel	5
Sims, A. H	5
Smardon, R	5
Scott, John H.	5
Strachan, Wm	5
Sumner, George	5
Smardon, J	3
Shaw, Wm. E	2.50
Strachan, Mrs. J. S	2
Spence, A	1
Tees, Wilson & Co	25
Torrance, D., & Co	25
Taylor, Lindsay & Co	$ 20
Tester, James, & Co	10
Thompson, M	10
Torrance, Judge	5
Tiffin Bros	5
Tooke, R. J	5
Tough, J	5
Turnbull, John	5
Turner, Rose & Co	5
Thompson, B. & S. H	5
Taylor, And. T	3
Vipond, George	5
Wilson, H. O	25
Wilson, Walter & Co	15
Whitley Bros	10
Watson, John C	10
Watson, D	10
Ward, J. K.	10
Wilson, Patterson, & Co	10
Witham, James	5
White, W. C	5
Wylie, J. S.	5
Wightman, A. R.	5
Waugh, W	5
Wilson, R. C	5
Willis & Co	5
Williamson, James	5
Watt, Alex	5
Weir, R., & Son	5
Watson, R. G	5
Watson, H	5
Wier, W	5
Walker, James, & Co	3
Williams, R. W	2
Wulff, J. T.	2
Williams, F. N	2
White, Robt	2
Weir, J. & R	1
Young, Geo	10
Yuile, W. P	5

The following is a list of subscriptions from January to April, 1885, not included in the published statement of the last Annual Report:

Jan.—Barrett, Dr. and Mrs	$100
Davies, C. W	40
Oatey, Mrs	5
Friend (D. W. R)	10
Lidstone, J	5
Feb.—Friend	$ 2
Robertson, Alex	10
Strong, Saml	5
Sloan, Wm	5

Mar.—	Armstrong, Geo. & Co.	$ 3
	Currie, John	10
	Gurd, Chas.	5
	Jennens, Wm.	5
	King, Warden	200
	King, Jas. C	10
	Lowden, Mrs, J. R	5
	Millar, Mrs.	4
	Major & Gibb	2
	McArthur, Alex.	5
	Kelley, Dr	10
	Phelps, Geo. F.	5
	Reid, Capt.	10
	Yuile, Mrs. D.	5
Apr.—	Angus, Wm.	10
	Brush, Geo. S.	10
	Barrington, Mrs.	1
	Cowper, P. H	5
	Donald, J. T.	5
	Fox, A.	5
Apr.—	Friend	$5
	Garth & Co., Alex.	5
	Hutchison, M	5
	Lamb, Thos	4
	Laurie, J., & Bros.	5
	Millen, Jno	5
	Miller Bros. & Mitchell	5
	Meldrum Bros	5
	McLaren, W. D.	5
	Picken, J. B	10
	Peel, Alex.	5
	Robertson, Jno	5
	Rogers, Geo	20
	Scholes, Frs.	15
	Strachan, M	5
	Shepherd, C	5
	Stuart, E. J	5
	Tasker, Jas.	2
	Yuile, W. & D.	25

EXECUTIVE.

Your Committee met Saturday mornings, at 9 o'clock. They carefully considered and arranged the hours and duties of the employés ; they gave much time and thought to the extension of the work in a Branch on St. Catherine street, which, as yet, has no issue; and gave special attention to the direction of the work of the various Committees. The Secretary was counselled and supported in action upon questions requiring immediate decision, and the office and details of the work was carefully considered.

A change was made in the staff, by securing D. F. Johnston to fill the position of clerk and shorthand writer, thus relieving the pressure upon the Secretary on account of the increasing volume of correspondence.

FRED. W. KELLEY, PH.D.
Chairman.

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The rooms in our building, with the exception of the large hall, have been used to their utmost capacity. Our work has now attained such proportions that we need as many more rooms as we now have, especially for a Library, Boys' Reading Room, Members' Parlor and Committee Rooms, not to speak of gymnasium, room for quiet games, class-rooms, etc., now usually found in well-appointed Associations. Branch, or rooms uptown are very much needed, and we urgently press this matter upon the attention of our members and friends. Very little has been done in the way of changes or repairs. Four new lights were added in the reading room. A new book-case for the Reference Library has been procured, and a typewriter has been purchased for the use of the Secretary's office.

Owing to the unusual height to which the floods rose in December and April last, the rooms were obliged to be closed for some days each time, causing much annoyance and discomfort at the time. There is urgent need of a new and larger boiler for heating the building, and raising the same so as to be above all ordinary floods, a thorough cleansing of the cellar and a new floor in it; the inner woodwork should be re-varnished, and the carpets in the Secretary's office and Library renewed.

In the Library your Committee have done their best with the funds at their disposal to place before the members as much and as good matter as possible.

Very little change has been made in the files of our reading room. We have now papers and magazines on file costing $201.45, and thirty-one papers, which are sent us gratis.

The number of readers and circulation has somewhat decreased, caused, no doubt, by the facts that our rooms have been closed twice for some days by the floods, and for over a month while the Library was being overhauled no books were issued.

	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885-6.
Volumes in Library	2,181	2,373	2,631	2,669
Number of Readers	113	281	455	435
Circulation	560	1,911	4,658	3,658

To make room for new books the Reference Library was placed in the small room adjoining the Secretary's office, and the Lending

Library was re-arranged and re-numbered, so that it is now in better shape than ever before. A full list of the new books added during the year, and of the papers and periodicals in our reading room can be found in the Librarian's minute book.

The principal items of expenditure, in reference to the Library, are as follows :

New Books	$153 28
Reference Library: Bookcase	50 00
Small Case for Illustrated Papers	3 00
New Catalogues	107 00
Table for Reference Library	7 65
Total	$320 93

There has been received from fines $25.60 ; for sale of papers and periodicals, $49.75.

We cannot close this report without reference to our Brother, who was at the commencement of the year our Chairman, Mr. C. T. Williams. He was obliged to seek a warmer climate on account of his wife's health, and is now the Secretary of the Association in San Antonio, Texas.

There is much in the work of this department to give cause for thankfulness and satisfaction, but we cannot be satisfied until we have more rooms in a more central position, so that we may more efficiently prosecute our work for the boys and young men, and place before them more fully the means of education, knowledge and amusement, that shall tend to Christianize and elevate them.

SETH P. LEET,
Chairman.

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

The following is a statement of the Evening Classes held, and the number of students in attendance :

Elementary French	43 students.
Advanced French	20 "
Commercial Arithmetic	52 "
Book-keeping	47 "
Phonography	36 "
Mechanical Mathematics	24 "

The French Classes were taught by Mr. S. Rondeau, B.A. ; Book-keeping and Arithmetic by Mr. C. A. Humphrey; the Phonography by Mr. Geo. Smart; and Mechanical Mathematics by Mr. Alec Thomson.

Additional classes might be added if we had accommodation. Many of these class students are led into the religious meetings of the Association. The importance of this department in helping the young men who wish to help themselves is so evident that we trust the Board will give it greater consideration.

REPORTS

OF THE

COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SOCIAL RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

In presenting the report of the Saturday Evening Young Men's Meeting, the Committee is only able to give particulars of the work since November last. Nine active members then formed the Committee, and in order to reach more largely the Associate membership, decided upon the following plan :

1. Cards were issued giving list of subjects for three months, which members were requested to distribute in their places of business, etc. 2. The following letter of invitation was written and personally delivered by members of the Committee and other workers :

"MY DEAR SIR,—We wish to offer you a cordial invitation to our Young Men's Meeting, which is held in the Reading Room every Saturday evening, from 8 to 9 o'clock. We enclose a card showing the topics under consideration each evening, and we shall hope to see you at our next meeting on the ——, when we expect to have a pleasant and profitable time. You will also be made heartily welcome at any of the other meetings or classes mentioned on the card."

Already one hundred and twelve of these letters have been delivered, and we can point to several instances where young men have been drawn in, as well as the benefits resulting from this personal invitation. In addition to this we send letters of invitation to any

non-members whose names can be secured, and in this way all our members can aid us by sending the names of any young men who need the influence of our meeting. We hope to reach every member on our books.

The special features of the meeting are :

1. Practical addresses upon vital questions.
2. Variety and interest from three minutes' talks by members.
3. Personal searching appeals.
4. Bright service of song, with solos, by the leader.
5. Opportunity for personal work at the close.

As a preparation of heart and thought for the Sabbath and its services, this meeting should attract many Christian workers who would find in it an inspiration. The average attendance during the past six months has been eighty-six, but we feel that the meeting should command an attendance of one hundred and fifty weekly, at least, and will not be satisfied till this is accomplished. Before each meeting members join in the Secretary's office for prayer.

The Committee is indebted to Messrs. Fred. Meyers and Walter Outhwaite for their kindness in conducting the musical portion of the service.

J. S. HETHERINGTON,
Chairman of Committee.

THE BEGINNERS' BIBLE CLASS.

Our object has been to secure the attendance of young Christians and Inquirers. The Class commences at 9.30 o'clock every Sunday morning, a Praise Service being held for twenty minutes, led by different members of the class, after which the lesson is conducted by the Assistant Secretary. Our lessons have been taken from the Books of Joshua, Samuel and Daniel, and much interest manifested in the study. The largest attendance at one service being forty-five and the average having increased from twenty-one to thirty-one. We regret the loss of our late Chairman and Secretary, Messrs. W. S. Louson and Robt. Greig, who have removed to the suburbs to reside. Special efforts to increase the attendance are now being made, and we shall be pleased to have members send the names of any young man who has recently entered the Christian life.

JAMES WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS.

During the past year this Bible Class has been attended with good success. The topics have been a selection of the foundation truths of the Bible, such as "The Two Natures;" "Assurance and Adoption;" "Backsliding;" "Satan: His Personality and Power;" "The Holy Spirit;" "What Constitutes a Disciple;" "Conscience;" "Business: Its Requisites and Dangers;" "The Humanity of Christ;" "The Divinity of Christ;" "The Friendship of Christ;" "The Priesthood of Christ." These lessons have attracted more attention and drawn out fuller discussion. In Mr. Budge's absence, for holidays or other reasons, the chair was ably filled by Sir William Dawson, Mr. D. W. Ross, Rev. A. B. Mackay and Dr. Kelley. The largest number attending one Sunday was seventy-five; average for the year, fifty-five. Cards of invitation have been distributed in the principal hotels and on Victoria Square every Sunday.

Absentees are looked after by letters delivered by one member of the Committee. Four or five hundred of these letters have been written during the year.

Through a kind invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Budge, the Class assembled at their house to spend an evening. The time was spent most pleasantly and profitably. It had the effect of bringing the members of the class into more thorough social intercourse.

Altogether the year has been one in which much good has been accomplished. Six members have graduated into Sunday school work as Teachers. Christians have acknowledged the benefits received, and not a few have been born again, through the incorruptible seed which liveth and abideth forever. Notice the following testimonies from members:—

"Apart from the light which has been thrown upon the subjects discussed every Sunday, which have greatly helped and strengthened me, they have been the means in God's hands of arousing in me an increased interest in Bible study at home, and of giving me a greater love for the Holy Word."

Another writes:—"I have attended your Sunday afternoon Bible Class, and by following your advice as to private prayer I am glad to tell you that my humble prayers have been answered. I am happier, and even my daily work seems to be lighter."

Another writes:—"During the last twelve months it has been the happiest days of my life, as I am, by God's helping, altogether a different man; and can say that it is by the grace of God and His Holy Spirit's guidance, earnest prayers, and attendance at the Association Bible Classes. And by the Holy Spirit's guidance may I be humbly useful in showing and leading others into the paths of eternal salvation, and

by the grace of God may I continue serving in earnestness and steadfastness all the days of my life."

Another letter says :—" When I commenced to attend your class I was a sinner, but now I am saved through the precious blood of Jesus. There is not a Sabbath that I go that I do not receive some word of instruction or encouragement, which is of great help to a young Christian."

Another says :—" The Sunday Afternoon Bible Class has greatly facilitated my growth in grace, and has been the means of giving me a deeper interest in the study of God's Word."

Another letter testifies :—" I feel that to its lessons I owe, in a great measure, any progress I may have made in the Christian life since I became a member, and I may say that I have never left the class without having been helped and encouraged by some exhortation or example, cheered by some bright promise, or led to consider my ways by some word of counsel or warning. It has always impressed me as one of the most prominent characteristics of the class, and one in which it excels any other meetings I have attended, that the truths of the Bible are brought before our minds in such a way that they *fit in with* and help the infirmities and shortcomings of human nature in general, and the human nature of young men in particular, as they fight their way onward and upward from day to day."

T. DUNCAN PATTON,
Chairman.

PROFESSOR FENWICK'S BIBLE CLASS

Is held Tuesday evenings. The course of lessons on the " Life of our Lord," ended last October, and although it covered nearly six years, so wonderful was the subject and so clear its presentation, that the interest increased with each lesson. Professor Fenwick has been particularly anxious to impress upon his hearers the necessity of the study of the Bible, as a means of growth in Christian life, and we know that many have received valuable personal help. In fact it has moulded our lives, and led us to love the word of God as never before. During the winter the lessons have been taken from the " Parables of our Lord." These lessons are of special benefit to Sunday-school teachers, as well as to those engaged in any Christian work.

A social entertainment was given with a view of bringing the members of the Class into closer relationship one with another. The attendance was large. Professor Fenwick gave an address on the subject of " Truth and where to find it." Refreshments were served in the Library by the Lady members of the Class.

The Class begins at a quarter to 8 o'clock, fifteen minutes being occupied in a service of praise and prayer. The average attendance throughout the year has been forty-five.

CHAS. T. BERRY,
Secretary.

THE TRAINING CLASS

Is filling a very important place in the development of men to work in our varied departments. The class meets on Thursday evenings, from 6.45 to 7.45, under the leadership of the General Secretary. The first half hour is given to the study of the Books of the Bible, their authors, history, leading events, etc., and lessons therefrom ; the balance of the hour is devoted to the consideration of points which arise in our work. During the past year the Books from Genesis to Esther have each been carefully reviewed, and such questions as "How to deal with enquirers of all classes," their difficulties and objections are answered from the Word of God, suitable passages being prayerfully selected and submitted. Other topics such as "The Prayer Meeting: how to make it more interesting and profitable ;" "Bible Truths, which every efficient worker must believe ;" "How to love your Bible more;" "Repentance ;" "Faith;" "Backsliders;" "How to prepare for and lead a meeting," and kindred subjects.

The class has been limited to an attendance of twenty-five, and the average has been twenty-one.

R. H. HOLLAND,
Chairman.

THE NOON MEETING

Has continued with an attendance varying from twelve to twenty-five. Subjects are chosen for each day, and requests for prayers are presented by those present or in writing at almost every service. Those who have attended have enjoyed much fellowship and blessing by this means of grace. "They that fear the Lord spake often one to another," and this affords just such an opportunity, which, by means of a little self-denial, many more could readily enjoy ; and through this service greater blessings would doubtless come upon the entire work.

THE MEN'S MEETING.

The first Sunday in February last this meeting was changed from a mixed meeting to one for men only. The Committee's aim has been to reach the young men on the streets and in boarding-houses, who do not attend church. Invitations are placed in the hands of these young men during the week, and distributed half an hour

before the service begins. The average attendance is 45. The results have been good, three or four enquirers are met each evening, and several young men have been converted who are now active in our work.

W. H. STEVENS,
Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee have added 170 names to roll of members, of whom 61 were active and 109 associate, but have had to deduct 189 names, of which 29 were active and 160 associate, a net gain of 32 active and a loss of 51 associate members. This decrease is not in any way caused by the increase of membership fee but is attributed to removals, deaths etc. and to a stricter enforcement of Article I, Sect. VII. of the By-Laws :—" Any member in arrears three months for annual dues may be debarred all the privileges of membership at the discretion of the Board." Our list of sustaining members and subscribers shows a gratifying increase of 91, making a total net increase on last year's roll of 72.

The plan of having memberships end with twelve months from date of election, has been found to work admirably, facilitating the office work and placing our roll on a much better basis. The Secretaries have adopted a new plan of enlisting the services of the active members to enter immediately the Committee work of the Association. As soon as elected they are invited to meet the Secretary personally and discuss the various departments of work, selecting some committee upon which they agree to serve. The corresponding members of this committee have been chosen in a large number of the Evangelical churches, and the moment a young man joins as an associate, the following letter is sent to the corresponding member of his church.

DEAR SIR :—

Mr. .. .. residing at . ..... employed at .... has been admitted as an Associate Member of the Association. He attends ..... Church. Will you make his acquaintance as early as possible, and introduce him to your Pastor and Superintendent of Sabbath School.

Yours, etc.,

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The monthly socials, for introducing new members and explaining the work of the Association, have been continued during the year.

Our membership roll now stands as follows :—

Active	536
Associate	350
Life	28
Honorary	48
	962
Subscribers	354

W. GODBEE BROWN,
Chairman.

MISSION.

GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Gospel and Song Service held every Sunday morning, with an attendance of twenty-five. The patients attending have enjoyed this means of grace; the nurses and other employés have also taken a great interest in the work.

HOUSE OF REFUGE.

One or two workers have been in attendance each Sunday evening.

SAILORS' WORK.

During the season of navigation a number of our workers have met each Sunday morning at the Sailors' Institute for prayers, after which they have visited all the ships in the harbour, distributing Gospel leaflets and giving a personal message as opportunity occurred.

MACKAY INSTITUTE.

Your Committee are now supplying the service in the Mackay Deaf and Dumb Institute each Sunday afternoon, from April until June.

MILITIA CAMP WORK.

On September 16th Messrs. Kuhring and Stevens were delegated from this Association to open our tent in connection with the St. Johns military camp. Services were held every evening, and the tent was crowded with officers and men, who gave every attention to the word spoken, and at the close of each service many expressed a desire to become Christians, sometimes the number being so great as not to be readily counted. The average attendance was about 300. Two hundred Testaments, donated by the Bible Society, were given away, not by general distribution, but by personal application on the part of the men to the Assistant Secretary in charge. On Sunday three services were held: Bible Class, at 9 a.m.; Evangelistic Service, 4.30 o'clock, and Service of Song, at 8.30. Tracts were distributed as the men passed out from each meeting. The reading room, which contained games, magazines and daily and weekly papers, was open daily from 6.30 a.m. till the commencement of the evening service at 7 o'clock, and was manifestly appreciated by the presence of officers and men.

We are greatly indebted to the following citizens of St. Johns for their kindness in sacrificing their time and lending articles needful to make the tent attractive and useful: Rev. Messrs. Lewis, Forsey and Renaud; Messrs. Cousins, Campbell, Wilkinson, Macpherson, Scaquel and Bignell, and to several ladies who aided in the singing. The officers in command rendered every possible assistance, and bore frequent testimony to the good effect of the work upon the general discipline of the camp.

We have reason to believe that many who entered the camp with no interest or attention towards personal Christianity, went back to their homes faithful witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. HENDERSON,
Chairman.

RECEPTION.

There are at present some 13 members, and with few exceptions, one and sometimes two have been on duty each evening.

During the year, as far as possible the rooms have been closed with evening prayer. It is a difficult matter to get the older members to accept work on this Committee. Of course the scope

for labor is not as great as in the associations of larger cities, but there are always those coming into the rooms to whom a friendly word of greeting may be spoken, the result of which cannot be in vain. As far as possible the Committee meets every month to arrange the appointments for the following month and to discuss matters of interest. A report form is being prepared which each member will fill up and sign for the evening they are on duty and these will be filed away for reference. The questions contained in this report are an indication of what is required of the Committee.

GEO. S. RORKE,
Chairman.

BOYS' WORK.

The Boys' Meeting has been held regularly on Friday evenings throughout the year, and the work during the past 12 months has been more encouraging than in any previous year—the attendance steadily improving, the workers more regular and more interested, and the boys much more attentive. Addresses by outside Christian workers, on the third Friday of each month, has been an attractive feature. Enquiry meetings are held regularly once or twice during each month, and the boys are spoken to personally. We believe some have been led to the Saviour during the past year, while many who, a short time ago, seemed to take very little interest in the work, have developed into reliable workers. One of our old workers is fitting himself for Association work, another for the ministry, two others are secretaries in other cities, while many are to-day active workers in the Association.

The Scripture and Prayer Union has about 60 members for the present year. Each member agreeing to read the appointed portion of Scripture daily and to pray for each other every Lord's Day. This Union has now over 250,000 members in all quarters of the globe, and the Chairman of the Boys' work is the Secretary for Montreal.

The Temperance and Tobacco Pledge has now considerably over 100 signatures, and notices are sent to each member, asking if the pledge has been faithfully kept, and the answers have been very satisfactory.

We are at present contributing to the support of a little orphan boy in the Boys' Home of this city; $10 has already been given voluntarily by the boys and workers.

Our average attendance has been about forty-five, which would make a total of, say, 2,300 for the year. We have a Committee who endeavour to have our meeting announced on the first Sunday of each month in as many of the city Sunday-schools as possible.

We are very much indebted to our organist, Mr. Alfred Howell, for his excellent playing.

We endeavour to make *every* regular attendant an active worker, by inviting him to hunt up one or more of our absentees.

We desire to render thanks to God for His manifest presence with us at our weekly gatherings, for the increased attendance, for the blessings the workers have received, and above all for having led some precious souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

HAROLD W. BUCHANAN,
Chairman.

SOCIAL WORK.

The work of this Committee has been to arrange the musical programme and refreshments for all social receptions, including the members' monthly meeting, and to devise means for increasing social good-fellowship amongst the members. In connection with the members' meeting we wish to acknowledge the assistance given by the ladies of the following churches in providing and serving the refreshments: Dominion Square Methodist, Olivet Baptist, Crescent Presbyterian, Emmanuel Congregational and Calvary Congregational. These meetings have been largely attended during the winter, the practical addresses given by the different pastors having proved very attractive. They were as follows:

Nov. 19th.—"Staying Power in the Race of Life."—Rev. L. N. Jordan, B.A.
Dec. 17th.—"Getting a Start."—Rev. A. G. Upham.
Feb. 25th.—"What is that in Thine Hand?"—Rev. A. B. Mackay.
Mar. 19th.—"What to Read, and How to Read Wisely."—
Rev. J. F. Stevenson, D.D.
April 22nd.—"Self Control."—Rev. E. M. Hill, M.A.

The New Year's reception was very successful, about four hundred young men having called, and the rooms were crowded during the evening.

INVITATION.

The work of this Committee has been carried on as usual during the year. The workers meet about 7.15 on Saturday evenings and after prayer go forth to their different posts with invitations to the meeting. The principal Hotels are visited and a member placed on the corners of the leading thoroughfares in the vicinity of the building. About 20,000 invitations have been distributed. Number of workers on the roll 14, average attendance 10. A monthly meeting for prayer and conference is held, which has proved a source of strength and blessing to the workers.

Invitations to the Secretary's Bible Class are also distributed on Sunday afternoons. We have been much encouraged by seeing many young men brought into the meetings, and believe that God's Word thus scattered abroad will not return to Him void.

A. D. LANSKAIL,
Chairman.

"STANDARD" SNOW SHOE CLUB.

The blood-born and bone-bred love of open air sports is the most marked physical characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon heritage in Canada. That young men of active disposition should be fully engaged, is a recognized principal of Christianity, but the fact is that often the disposition is to engage in Christian work and neglect altogether physical training. In this Association, on account of want of room, we have partly neglected physical culture, and the want of a good gymnasium has been much felt. On the other hand the young men who take little interest in Christian work, too often overstep the line by too hard physical training, and, in consequence, break down their constitution instead of building it up. So that it is the happy medium which we should aim at. Last year a "Circle," associated for snow-shoeing and rambling, was formed by Mr. G. A. Kuhring, under the auspices of the Association, which furnished very enjoyable and profitable recreation. This "Circle" was changed into a club, under the name of the "Standard" Snowshoe Club. Officers were elected, and we had a profitable winter, although, on account of the changeable weather there was a variety of experience, one night deep snow, another hard ice, and,

again, rain and mud. However, we met regularly every Friday evening at eight o'clock. We returned at ten o'clock, and we have to thank Dr. Bazin, Mr. Budge, and Mr. Holland, for very enjoyable "finishes" at their homes, where we were liberally entertained. Our rambles during the summer might include short trips to the interesting scenery of the surrounding country, as well as the many beautiful walks and scenes of our beloved Mount Royal.

The "Standard" appeared to be the most suitable name which we could adopt, and following Christ, our standard, we trust that all the membership will attain to the standard of perfect men in Christ Jesus.

G. W. JONES,
Captain.

EMPLOYMENT.

Below will be found a statistical report of the work done through this agency during the past year. This does not embrace the number of those who made application verbally, and whose names were not entered on our register, but only those who presented testimonials or were known to be worthy of help. Out of the two hundred and thirteen applications received and registered we have only been able to trace ninety-eight as having directly obtained situations through the Association, many others may have been helped who neglected to report to us. We meet those seeking work from 9.30 to 11.30 daily, and our system of dealing with them is so well developed that it is only rarely we are imposed upon, or err in sending applicants to employers; in fact, during the past year we do not recollect an instance occurring in which those recommended directly by us to employers having proven unworthy. An encouraging feature in the past year's work is that six young men, after having secured work through our employment bureau, accepted invitations to our social religious meetings and were there led to believe in Christ as their personal Saviour. Two of these are active workers on Committees of the Association, and the others regularly attend our meetings and take interest in our work.

We appeal to employers who have vacancies occurring to aid us in this work, by sending us notice of the positions they wished to be filled.

The annual statement is as follows :

1885-86.	Applications for Employment.	SITUATIONS FILLED.											
		Clerks.	Book-keepers.	Collectors.	Salesmen.	Porters.	Trades.	Teachers.	Miscellaneous.	Stenographers.	Coachmen.	Druggists.	TOTAL.
May	21	2	3	....	2	....	2	....	2	....	2	....	13
June	21	7	....	....	3	....	1	....	3	....	....	....	14
July	15	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	7	1	....	....	12
August	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	3
September	13	3	....	....	1	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	7
October	11	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	4
November	24	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	6
December	7	2	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	4
January	9	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	1	....	4
February	21	2	1	3	....	....	1	....	6	....	....	....	13
March	25	2	....	....	....	....	1	....	5	1	1	....	10
April	17	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	8
App'ts not ent'd	25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	213	26	9	3	8	....	8	....	37	3	4	....	98

WM. H. STEVENS.

BOARDING HOUSE.

This Committee have developed a new system, opened a more systematic Register for Boarding Houses and Rooms, and divided the city into districts, giving each district in charge of two members for visitation, etc., both as to the houses and the young men who go as lodgers. Just at this point the Chairman, Mr. Frank Read, was compelled to leave the city, and the work has been somewhat thereby neglected. At the present time it is consulted daily by young men just arriving in the city, and in addition to keeping a systematic list of respectable and comfortable boarding houses, the Committee hope to develop the visitation of young men in these houses, so as to bring them into the Association. In order to add to the list, a circular is being prepared to send to the pastors, asking them for the names of those in their congregation taking boarders or renting rooms whom they could recommend.

A. N. WEBSTER,
Chairman.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

OF MONTREAL.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this Society shall be "The Young Men's Christian Association" of Montreal.

ARTICLE II.

BASIS.

SECTION I.—This Association seeks to unite those young men, who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be His disciples in their doctrine and their life, and to associate their efforts for the extension of His kingdom amongst young men.

SECTION II.—This Association adopts as the basis of all its proceedings those fundamental principles of Evangelical Christianity on which all orthodox Protestant Churches are agreed, and will never admit any intermeddling with those matters of faith and polity on which such Churches differ.

ARTICLE III.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be the improvement of the spiritual, mental, social and physical condition of young men, by ways and means hereafter designated.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERS.

SECTION I.—The members of this Association must be young men, at least fourteen years of age, and shall be classed as follows : Active, Associate, Sustaining, Life and Honorary Members.

ARTICLE V.

REAL ESTATE.

The real estate or immovable property of the Association, as well as all funds of the Association, from whatsoever source derived, shall be held in its corporate name, and be managed and administered by the Board of Directors. In the management of the said real estate or immovable property, the President of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, and the President of the Canada Sunday-School Union shall be *ex officio* members of the said Board of Directors, but shall not be entitled to vote upon any questions except those affecting its real estate or immovable property.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS.

SECTION I.—The Officers of this Association shall consist of a Board of Twenty-one Directors, not more than one-third of whom shall be members of any one denomination, and they shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Recording Secretary from among themselves, as hereafter provided.

SECTION II.—The general objects of the Association shall be carried out under the management of the Board of Directors.

SECTION III.—The Board of Directors shall have power to make and adopt Rules and By-Laws for their government, not inconsistent with the Act of Incorporation or this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.

COMMITTEES.

There shall be Committees of the Association appointed to carry forward its work, and Committees of the Board appointed to supervise the business affairs of the Association. Special Committees may be appointed when ordered by the Association or the Board. The Board of Directors shall define the duties of these Committees, and the President shall appoint them, subject to ratification by the Board. The President shall be *ex officio* a member of all Committees.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution can only be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds (⅔) of the Active Members present at any stated meeting of the Association, provided such amendments shall have been previously approved of by the Board of Directors, and have been proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Association three (3) months previous to action thereupon.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I.—Any young man, fourteen (14) years of age, who is a member, in good standing, of an Evangelical Church in this city, may become an Active member, on payment of two (2) dollars per annum, in advance, for those twenty-one (21) years of age and over,—and one (1) dollar per annum, in advance, for those under twenty-one (21) years of age. Active members alone shall have the right to vote and hold office. Active members may be elected at any regular monthly business meeting of the Association, provided a written application has been made to the Membership Committee, which has been approved of and recommended by them. Five negative votes shall defeat any applicant.

SECTION II.—Any young man of good moral character may become an Associate Member on payment of two (2) dollars per annum, in advance, for those twenty-one (21) years of age and over, and one (1) dollar per annum, in advance, for those under twenty-one (21) years of age. Either the General Secretary, or in his absence, the Assistant Secretary, may admit persons to Associate or Sustaining Membership, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence to such officers that the applicant is a person of good moral character.

SECTION III.—Any young man of good moral character may become a Sustaining Member by the payment in advance of five (5) dollars per annum. An Associate or Sustaining Member who shall unite with an Evangelical Church, becomes thereby an Active Member, due notice having been given to the Secretary.

SECTION IV.—Life Members may be constituted by the payment of one hundred (100) dollars at any one time, subject to the qualifications and restrictions named in Article I, Section I.

SECTION V.—Honorary Members may be proposed at any regular meeting subject to the same qualifications and restrictions as Active and Life Members.

SECTION VI.—Membership years shall commence on the first day of the month succeeding the election, or admission of the member. The fiscal year of the Association shall commence May 1st.

SECTION VII.—Any member in arrears three (3) months for annual dues may be debarred all the privileges of membership, at the discretion of the Board.

SECTION VIII.—The members of this Association shall seek out young men, resident or strangers, in Montreal or its vicinity, and endeavor to bring them under moral and religious influences, introduce them to the members and privileges of the Association; secure their attendance at some place of worship on the Sabbath, and by personal effort try to win them for Christ. They shall labor to induce all suitable young men to join the Association, and seek to increase its activity and usefulness.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION I.—The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of May,—one month's notice shall be given of the date thereof. At this meeting there shall be chosen by ballot from the members of the Association, seven (7) Directors who shall hold office for three (3) years. At the first annual meeting held after the adoption of these By-Laws there shall be elected seven (7) Directors who shall hold office for three (3) years, seven (7) others who shall hold office for two (2) years, and seven (7) others who shall hold office for one (1) year. The Board of Directors, through the Committee of Vacancies, shall submit a nomination of seven (7) Directors to replace those retiring, at least one month before the date of election, and other nominations from the Association may be received at the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the Board from among eligible members of the Association.

SECTION II.—The Board of Directors at their first meeting succeeding the Annual Election shall elect by ballot one of their number to be President, one to be Vice-President, one to be Recording Secretary, and one to be Treasurer of the Board and of the Association ; said Officers shall hold office for one (1) year, or until their successors are appointed. There shall also be appointed a General Secretary, and such other employés as may be needed.

SECTION III.—The Board of Directors shall have power to elect nine (9) Advisory Directors who shall be members in good standing of Protestant Evangelical Churches, not more than one-third (⅓) from any one denomination. They shall be notified of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall have the right to attend and participate in the discussion of all matters brought before the Board, but shall not be entitled to vote. Such Directors, when elected, shall be divided into three classes, which shall hold office respectively, one (1), two (2), and three (3) years. Upon the expiration of such terms respectively, the successors of those whose terms of office expire shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years.

ARTICLE III.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

SECTION I.—The stated meetings of the Board shall be held on the second Monday evening of each month. Seven (7) shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II.—The following shall be the order of business :—

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Calling roll.
3. Reading minutes.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Reports of Standing Committees.
6. Report of General Secretary.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.

SECTION III.—Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or he shall call the same at the request of three (3) Directors. The object of the special meeting shall be stated in the notices, and no other business shall be transacted excepting that for which the call is issued.

SECTION IV. If any member of the Board shall absent himself from three consecutive monthly meetings of the Board, his place shall be deemed vacant, unless his absence shall be excused by the Board, and the vacancy may be filled after notice is given to such absentee. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to call the attention of the Board to all cases requiring action under this rule.

SECTION V.—In order to preserve the representative character of the Board, any member changing his denominational connection shall be deemed to have resigned, and the vacancy so created shall be filled as hereinbefore provided.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

SECTION I.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. He shall appoint all Standing Committees, subject to ratification by the Board, to consist of not less than three (3) members each, and announce the same to the Board at the next regular meeting after his election. He shall be an *ex officio* member of all Standing Committees of the Board and of the Association.

SECTION II.—The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, have all the powers, and perform all the duties of President. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, a Chairman shall be appointed from among the Board.

SECTION III.—The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board. He shall receive and file the written reports of the various Committees made to the Board.

SECTION IV.—The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Association. He shall present to the Board at each regular meeting a Monthly Report, and at the Annual Meeting in May in each year, an Annual Report of his accounts and of the funds of the Association. He shall pay all the demands against the Association, upon vouchers properly certified by the Finance Committee. He shall be a member of the Finance Committee.

SECTION V.—The General Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and shall have charge and control of the general work of the Association; shall conduct all the correspondence thereof, and revise all printed matter issued thereby. He shall attend the meetings of the Board and the Committees of the Board, but shall not have the right to vote, be *ex officio* a member of the Committees of the Association, and shall attend their meetings. All other employés shall be under his supervision.

SECTION VI.—The Board of Directors shall have the general supervision and control of the work and policy of the Association in all its details. All Secretaries or employés of any kind are to be employed and controlled solely by the Board of Directors.

SECTION VII.—If any Societies, or Organizations of any kind, are formed within the Association, or under its auspices, the Board of Directors shall be *ex officio* members thereof, and shall control the same as in their judgment may be necessary.

ARTICLE VI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION I.—The Standing Committees of the Board shall be designated as follows :—

1. The Executive Committee.
2. The Finance Committee.
3. The Rooms and Library Committee.
4. The Lecture and Classes Committee.
5. The Committee on Vacancies.
6. The Visiting Committee for the Rooms.
7. The Committee on Branches.

SECTION II.—The several Committees shall keep minutes of their proceedings, and shall read the same as their report to the Board at each regular meeting. No Committee shall contract any indebtedness without previous appropriation of the Board therefor.

SECTION III.—The Executive Committee shall have all the power of the Board of Directors, except that they shall not use any money of the Association, unless previously appropriated to them by the Board ; nor shall they have the power to reconsider or reverse any action of the Board had at any previous meeting. They shall meet at least once a week. They shall consider and mature plans for the general work of the Association, and confer and advise with the various Committees of the Association. They shall have the direction of the paid agents of the Association.

SECTION IV.—The Finance Committee shall have charge of the financial affairs of the Association. At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, they shall submit a budget in writing, giving the estimates for the ensuing year. All bills, before payment by the Treasurer, shall be certified by the proper officers, and approved of by the Committee. They shall meet at least once a month for the examination of accounts and other business. They shall submit a Monthly Statement to the Board of Directors.

SECTION V.—The Rooms and Library Committee shall have charge of all rooms and departments of the Association, and shall establish such rules and regulations for the policy thereof as shall in their discretion seem best. They shall provide for the increase, preservation, and arrangement of the Library and reading matter in the rooms, and for the purchase of, repairs to, and restoration of the furniture. No publication shall be admitted to the Library and Reading-room, unless approved of by them.

SECTION VI.—The Lecture and Classes Committee shall, subject to the approval of the Board, provide for the delivery of lectures. They shall have charge of the educational classes of the Association, shall employ teachers, and make

rules and regulations for the same. They shall visit the classes from time to time, and keep themselves fully informed. They shall have charge of the monthly meetings, receptions, and other entertainments of the Association, and all the arrangements thereof.

SECTION VII. — Committee on Vacancies. — Vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors during the year, by resignation or otherwise, shall be filled as follows :—Nominations shall be made at the regular meeting of the Board, and shall be referred to the Committee on Vacancies, to report at the next regular meeting of the Board. On such a report, an election by ballot shall take place to fill the unexpired term. The Committee shall not recommend for election any person until they have ascertained, by personal enquiry of the nominee, that he is ready and willing to perform the duties of a Director. The Committee on Vacancies, at the meeting next preceding the Annual Election of the Association, shall report the names of persons to fill the places of those Directors whose terms of office expire by law. The names thus reported when approved by the Board, shall be submitted to the Association for ballot at the ensuing regular election.

SECTION. VIII.— The Visiting Committee for the Rooms shall consist of all the members of the Board of Directors, exclusive of the President. Two members shall be named for each month of the year, July and August excepted. The Secretary shall furnish each Director with a list of appointments for the year, and any Director may furnish a substitute from among his fellow-Directors by exchange or otherwise. The Visiting Committee for the Rooms each month shall, as the official representatives of the Board, be present at the regular monthly meeting of the Association, and the religious meetings held at the Rooms. They shall acquaint themselves with the religious conditions of the Association, and the working of each of the Committees, and shall report the same to the Board in writing.

ARTICLE VII.

BRANCHES.

The Board of Directors shall at such time and place as they may think advisable, establish and maintain branches, and shall discontinue the same at any time that they may think best. These branches shall be under the entire control of the Board of Directors, under such regulations as the Board may from time to time adopt. The Branches shall not contract any indebtedness except by authority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII.

RULES FOR THE ROOMS.

SECTION. I.—The Rooms of the Association shall be opened every week-day (holidays not excepted) from 8.30 a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m., and on the Sabbath during hours of religious services only.

ARTICLE IX.

MEETINGS.

SECTION I.—There shall be a meeting of the Association on the third Thursday evening of each month, except in the months of July and August, when

they may be omitted if the Board of Directors so direct, for the election of members, other than Associate, for the promotion of social and Christian fellowship, for the presentation of reports by the Association Committee, and such other exercises or business as may be provided by the Board of Directors. Order of exercises :—

1. Devotional.
2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
3. Proposition and election of members.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Such other exercises as may be provided for.
6. Adjournment.

SECTION II.—A Public Anniversary Meeting of the Association shall be held annually, the date thereof to be fixed by the Board.

SECTION III.—At all the meetings of the Association, fifteen active members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION IV.—Special meetings of the Association shall be called by the President at the written request of ten active members, or by order of the Board of Directors, notice being given in at least one daily paper.

SECTION V.—All meetings of the Association shall be opened by reading the Scripture and Prayer. No essays, or motion, of a sectarian or political character, shall be entertained by the Association, nor shall any denominational or political reference be made in any meeting of the Association or Board.

ARTICLE X.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION I.—The Standing Committees of the Association shall consist of not less than three members each, the chairman and members of which shall be appointed by the President of the Association on consultation with the General Secretary. The Committees shall be announced at the regular meeting of the Association following the annual election.

1. Devotional Committee.
2. Mission Committee.
3. Membership Committee.
4. Employment Committee.
5. Reception Committee.
6. Invitation Committee.
7. Boarding House Committee.
8. Railway Committee.
9. Committee on Visiting Sick Young Men.
10. Committee on Work Among Boys.

SECTION II.—The Devotional Committee shall have charge of all the regular religious meetings carried on in the Building, and shall aid the General Secretary in the religious work. This Committee may be divided into sub-committees in carrying out the object of its appointment.

SECTION III.—The Mission Committee shall have charge of all the religious meetings held outside the Building, except the work amongst the railway men. The meetings shall be held for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to lost men, and for urging its acceptance upon its hearers.

SECTION IV.—The Membership Committee shall devise ways and means to increase the membership of the Association, and shall receive all applications for active and life membership, and after examination as to the character of each applicant shall report to the Association the names of those who are eligible for election. They shall have charge of the membership list, and shall use every effort to introduce new members to churches of their choice.

SECTION V.—The Employment Committee shall aid young men in obtaining employment. They shall secure information concerning applicants from former employers, and keep the same on file. They shall give full information to employers in relation to young men whom they may introduce.

SECTION VI.—The Reception Committee shall arrange for at least one member on duty each evening of the week, who shall aid in making the rooms pleasant and attractive to members and strangers. At the close of each evening family prayers shall be conducted under the direction of the Committee. This Committee shall arrange for the ushers at the various public meetings and receptions.

SECTION VII.—The Invitation Committee shall devise and execute plans for bringing young men under the influence of the Association, and securing their presence at the religious meetings by personal solicitation, and distributing notices in the hotels and on the streets.

SECTION VIII.—The Boarding House Committee shall keep a register of respectable and well kept boarding houses. They shall visit as far as possible these boarding houses, and invite the young men to attend the Association. This list shall be revised once every six months.

SECTION IX.—The Railway Committee shall have charge of the work among the railway men, and shall endeavor to influence the management and directors so that it may become permanently a part of the Company's work.

SECTION X.—The Committee on Visiting Sick Young Men shall attend promptly to all calls upon them, and seek to cheer and aid them during sickness. When necessary they shall also provide "watchers" to sit up during the night.

SECTION XI.—The Committee on Work for Boys shall arrange and carry out religious and social meetings for boys.

SECTION XII.—All the Committees of the Association are appointed for the purpose of aiding in the work of more effectively reaching and saving young men. If any Committee stands in the way of accomplishing these objects, the Board shall disband such Committee. If any member or members of a Committee are hindering its usefulness the President shall have power to remove him or them from such Committee.

SECTION XIII.—All Committees shall notify the General Secretary of their meetings.

SECTION XIV.—It shall be the imperative duty of all the Committees of the Association to organize immediately after their appointment, elect a Secretary, and keep correct minutes of all their proceedings, to decide what stated meetings they will hold during the year.

SECTION XV.—It shall also be the duty of all Committees of the Association to report in writing to the Association once a month. The Board shall have the right to call for a report from any of the Committees at any time.

ARTICLE XI.

DISCIPLINE.

No person shall hold any office or position of trust in this Association who shall cease to profess and practice the fundamental doctrines of Evangelical Christianity, and the Board of Directors shall have full power to investigate any questions of the doctrines or conduct of any officer or member of the Association, and upon a two-third (⅔) vote of the Board such officer or member may be removed from office or membership.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION I.—These By-Laws may be amended by a two-third (⅔) vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association, notice having been given at a previous regular meeting of the proposed amendment.

SECTION II.—Any By-Law may be suspended by a two-third (⅔) vote of the members present at any regular business meeting.